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Dear Walt,

    With further reference to your letter of 19 March to
Mr. McCone on identifying passages in Khrushchev's speeches
which he originated, we have explored Sir Harold Caccia's
suggestion. Our conclusion is that while it might be
theoretically possible to subject K's speeches to statistical
analysis, using computer techniques, the results would
probably be highly speculative, and the cost would be quite
considerable. We conclude, therefore, that in the present
state of research and knowledge of speech analysis by auto-
mated techniques, an effort along these lines at this time
would not be worth the expense involved. Our Kremlinologists
also point out that, even if computer techniques could be
applied to this problem with a high certainty of success, there
are other and more important pressing problems concerning the
Soviet Union, its policies and leaders, for which they believe
it would be more worthwhile to seek solutions through automa-
tion techniques.

    Nevertheless, we are grateful to Sir Harold and you for
the suggestion, and will keep it in mind for the future.

                     Sincerely yours,

                 (signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

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